



The Octagon

Newsletter of the Faulkner's Light Brigade

March 2011

Journal of the 2010 Faulkner's Island Lighthouse Restoration by the Faulkner's Light Brigade



Sunday 10/17/10

International Chimney Corporation's (ICC) 45 foot trailer arrived with all of their supplies and equipment. Trailer was parked in Faulkner's Light Brigade (FLB) Chairman Emeritus and current Board Member Fred Farnsworth's backyard, parallel to state launch access road in Madison.

Monday 10/18/10 – Work boat arrived and was launched at the Guilford Marina. Permission was granted to leave boat trailer in the marina parking lot. Boat was loaded with equipment and supplies at the state launch in Madison. The boat was tied up on Fred Farnsworth's dock on the Neck River in Madison.

Tuesday 10/19/10 – Work boat transported equipment and supplies to the island. An aerial lift was set up to carry equipment to the top of the island. Supplies were stored in the boat house.

Wednesday 10/20/10 – Jeff Heinrich and Steve McGuire went out to the island. Heinrich started his collection of photographs of the restoration project, while McGuire started to videotape the restoration activities



of the lighthouse. These videotapes can be viewed on the Faulkner Light Brigade website at www.faulknerslight.org

Thursday 10/21/10 – Seas were too rough to land the work boat on the island so the crew worked on projects on shore. When there is a wind from the southwest, landing in the island boat basin is very difficult.

Friday 10/22/10 – Crew spent another day working on shore due to the weather.

Saturday 10/23/10 – Fresh water was transported to the island for power washing in a 450 gallon tank on the work boat. This water was pumped up to a second tank on the island, to be used as the feeder tank for the power washer.



The name Octagon refers to the shape of the historic lighthouse on Faulkner's Island, a beacon to mariners since 1802.



Sunday 10/24/10 – Day of rest for the ICC crew.



Monday 10/25/10

– Exterior of the lighthouse was power washed.

Tuesday 10/26/10

– Interior of the lighthouse was power washed.

Wednesday 10/27/10

– Rough seas, so it was impressive that the ICC was on the

island working. They are working on redesigning the doors for better ventilation.

Thursday 10/28/10 - ICC crew members in New York City & Boston so no work on the island. Mortar and other material were delivered from Cathedral Stone. Other materials were delivered to the ICC warehouse.

Friday 10/29/10 - ICC crew went to island to work on power washing lamp area and evaluating needs of all of the windows

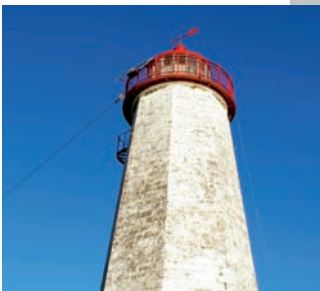
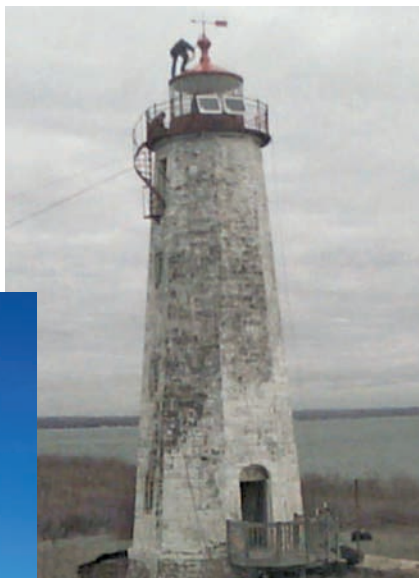
Saturday 10/30/10 - Crew off for the weekend.

Sunday 10/31/10 - Crew off for the weekend.

Monday 11/1/10 - ICC crew on island most of this cool 45 degrees day.

Working on final cleaning of lighthouse with a special solution to eliminate salt. They were also working on repairing the windows.

Tuesday 11/2/10 -



Dome over the lamp area, supports for windows, wrap around deck and outside stairs were painted with a glossy red paint.

Wednesday 11/3/10

Russ Santora, Steve McGuire and Jeff Heinrich were transported to the island by the ICC crew this morning so Santora and ICC Foreman Steve Scyoc could go over what has been done and the future plans. Foreman Scyoc indicated he may not be able to complete the actual painting of the lighthouse if the weather gets colder. The crew will continue with the preparation of the structure for painting. New window sills will be completed with cypress.



Thursday 11/4/10 –The ICC crew went out and worked on the inside of the lighthouse on this rainy and foggy day. They are getting everything ready to start repointing the masonry.

Friday 11/5/10 – The ICC crew went out and worked on the inside of the lighthouse.

Saturday 11/6/10 – The ICC crew went out again and worked on the inside of the lighthouse.

Sunday 11/7/10 – The ICC crew went out and worked on the inside of the lighthouse. Jeff Heinrich and Steve McGuire also went out with the crew. McGuire worked on more videotaping while Heinrich took photographs.



Monday 11/8/10 – Thirty two degrees and snowing at 7 am, with winds around 20 mph and gusting to 40 mph. Shore day gathering parts and fixing equipment.

Tuesday 11/9/10 – Despite heavy winds from the north and rough seas, the ICC crew was on the island working inside the lighthouse.



Wednesday 11/10/10 – John and Elizabeth Delemarre, Bill Lincoln, Steve McGuire, Russ Santora, Ed Bartlett and Jeff Heinrich, together with ICC crew consisting of Matt, Scott, Bob and Steve, went to the island. The ICC crew focused on stripping the exterior joints. Santora and McGuire were really impressed with all of the progress on the inside of the lighthouse. John and Elizabeth Delemarre were able to retrieve their remaining belongings in the



bunk house. They were on the island as “island keepers” for the month of September 2010. Bill Lincoln was really impressed with all that had been done.



Thursday 11/11/10 – Rough seas so worked on shore.
Friday 11/12/10 – Rough seas so worked on shore than left for home in afternoon.
Saturday 11/13/10 Weekend off for the ICC crew.
Sunday 11/14/10 – Weekend off for the ICC crew
Monday 11/15/10 – All but one of the eight sides have been repainted. Crew to be away on another job site, near Nantucket, for a few days, as they await more supplies. Painting may start as early as this coming weekend.

Tuesday 11/16/10 – ICC crew in Nantucket

Wednesday 11/17/10 – ICC crew away on another project but would not have been able to work with heavy rain in morning and wind gusts up to 50 mph in the afternoon.



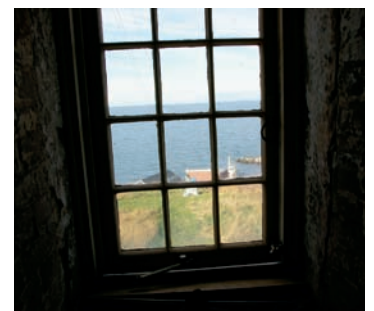
Thursday 11/18/10 – ICC crew went out around 9 am but it was too rough to land on the island pier. Steve McGuire is going to see if he can get Steve Scyoc activated on the webcam on the island to save him and the crew a trip on a day like today.

Friday 11/19/10 – Russ Santora, Steve McGuire and Jeff Heinrich traveled to the island with the ICC crew on the workboat. Santora reviewed the work that has been done on the lighthouse with the ICC Foreman Steve Scyoc and approved the mortar work being done on the inside. McGuire videotaped and Heinrich did photographs of



the crew doing the last section needing mortar in the exterior joints. In the afternoon the crew repainted the dome and upper structure.

Saturday 11/20/10 – Crew unable to go out due to rough seas. Steve McGuire is now sending Steve Scyoc a picture of the landing area from the webcam at around 7 am each morning.



Sunday 11/21/10 – Joel Helander, Steve McGuire and Jeff Heinrich went out to the island with the ICC crew on this very cold day. Helander was given a complete tour and overview of the restoration project by Foreman Scyoc. Helander brought his moisture meter which showed



30% moisture in the mortar put on the exterior of the lighthouse on Friday 11/19/10. ICC Crew spent most of the day painting the upper deck and dome. Video can be seen on the FLB website at www.faulknerslight.org.



Monday 11/22/10– ICC crew was able to start painting the exterior of the lighthouse. Steve Scyoc worked on the corners above the entrance.

Tuesday 11/23/10 – Exciting day as Steve McGuire, Ryan Hanrahan from NBC Channel 30 and a camera man go out to the island on

David North's boat. The filming was featured on the evening news the following week. The ICC crew did some painting but stopped since they were concerned about



possible rain which turned out not to happen. Instead they switched to working on the windows. It can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt3cpw8hor4>
Wednesday 11/24/10 – ICC crew went out but could not land in the basin as it was simply too rough. It was nice for them as they could leave for home for the holiday. Steve Scyoc lives in West Virginia and has to drive 570 miles to get home. Scyoc has been with ICC for 34 years and this is his 22 lighthouse restoration.

Thursday 11/25/10 –Happy Thanksgiving! ICC crew is off for the holiday.

Friday 11/26/10 – ICC crew is off again today but they would have had difficulty landing if they were here. Rainy, windy morning with mild temperatures and rough seas in the afternoon.



Saturday 11/27/10 – A cold morning and the crew is still enjoying their Thanksgiving break.



Sunday 11/28/10 – Another cold start to the day with 7 am temperature at 32 degrees. ICC crew will be driving back today to return to work tomorrow. Forecast for tomorrow is sunny and in the 50's.

Monday 11/29/10 – Crew returns to paint and seal windows.

Tuesday 11/30/10 – Repointing on the inside by the crew today.



Wednesday 12/1/10 – Raindrops on the camera dome, but wave action looks tame in morning. Wind is from the SE, so landing in the basin will be fine. Rain will get much worse later in the day. Good day to work inside the lighthouse.

Thursday 12/2/10 – More work inside the lighthouse.

Friday 12/3/10 – Rough seas.

Saturday 12/4/10 – ICC crew was out from 8am until late morning. Wind was picking up to 25-30 mph from the north with higher gusts.

Sunday 12/5/10 – Steve McGuire and Jeff Heinrich were up early to go out with the ICC crew but discovered it was going to be a day of rest for them.

Monday 12/6/10 – Quiet week with mostly work on shore as crew awaits more supplies. Rough seas are also an issue during this week.

Tuesday 12/7/10 – Quiet week for the crew.

Wednesday 12/8/10 – ICC crew unable to access island due to rough seas.

Thursday 12/9/10 – Quiet week for the crew.

Friday 12/10/10 – Quiet week for the crew.

Saturday 12/11/10 – No activity today with crew away.

Sunday 12/12/10 – Quiet day and quiet seas with crew away.

Monday

12/13/10 –

Crew not back until the middle of the week.

Tuesday

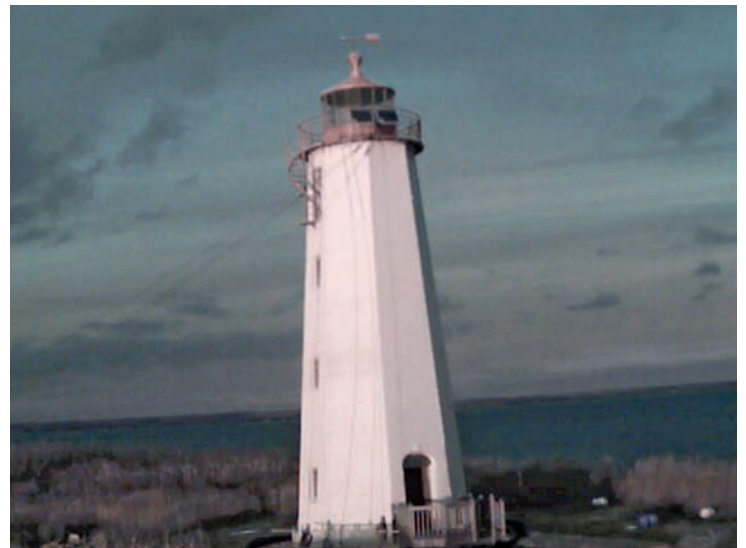
12/14/10

– Only one more panel of the octagonal structure needs to have a second coat of paint.



Wednesday 12/15/10 – Crew back today to go out tomorrow to pack up equipment and supplies.

Thursday 12/16/10 – This morning Russ Santora, Steve McGuire and Jeff Heinrich, together with 6 members of the ICC crew, went out to the island to retrieve their equipment and supplies and temporarily suspend operations of the restoration project. We came by the Guilford Harbor from the East River and everything was fine. We got to the end of the channel and the waves were 2 to 4 feet. From there to the island we were dealing with 4 to 6 foot waves with an occasional 7 or 8 footer. Upon arriving at the island, the wind was clearly from the SW, with waves breaking completely over the pier. Time to turn around and head back home. A rough, but safe ride back, and we were all happy to see land again.



Rick Potvin, manager of the USF&WS, granted permission for the ICC crew to park their boat and trailer on their property in Westbrook, CT. The work boat was loaded on the trailer in Guilford and transported to Westbrook. Boat and motors were winterized by the crew.

Friday 12/17/10 – The 45 foot trailer was hooked up and the crew headed for ICC headquarters, then home for the holidays. They will be returning in April 2011.



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Lighthouse at 6:30 am in the first snow storm of the season, November 8, 2010.

Faulkner's Light Brigade 2011 Calendar

Saturday, September 10

Sunday, September 11

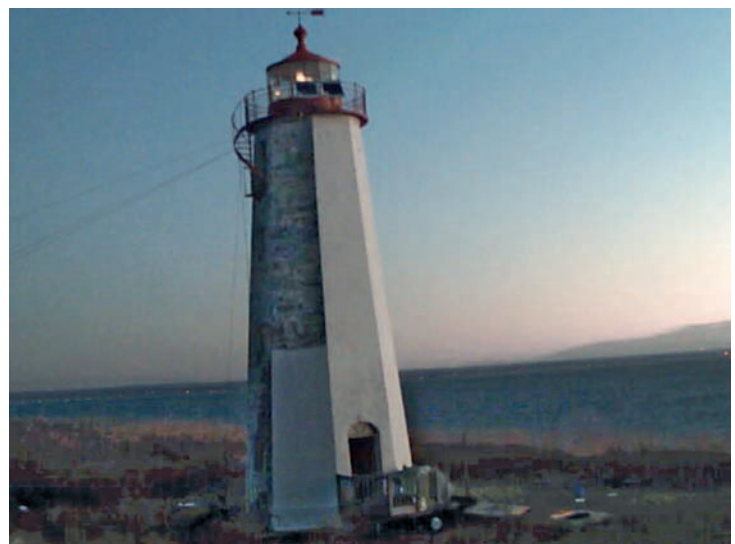
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Mark your calendars now for this celebrated event, when the visiting public will have the rare opportunity to experience the beauty of an island wildlife refuge and historic lighthouse. Public transportation to the island may again be available. Watch for forthcoming details.

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